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A

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OF A

BILL of COMPLAINT

IN THE

High Court of C---NC--RY,

BY

Mrs. MAGNA BRITANNIA, Complaint.

AGAINST

ROBERT DE HOUGHTON, and OTHERS, Defendants,

PRAYING

A *Discovery* of *Secret Services* for some Years past, Relief from several *hard Contracts* which the Complainant hath, against her Will, been forced into; and an *Enquiry* into the *present State* of her *Affairs*.

AS LIKEWISE

That Writs, *Ne exeat Regno*, be issued forthwith against the Defendants in her Behalf.

By a *Welch* ATTORNEY.

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To her Worſhippful and fery coot

Lort *CHANCELLOR*

OF

CRETE PRITAIN.

Humbly complaining,

SHEWETH unto her Lortſhip, her Oratrix, *Magna Pritain* (a poor Oman formerly fery well known to her Lortſhip's Preteceſſors, but of what Place can't particularly write herſelf, hafing neither Ouſe, Home, nor Hapitation at preſent, unleſs her Lortſhip determines this Cauſe in her Favour, and wou't have pray'd to pe admittet a *Pauper*, put that her ſait Cauſe requires *Diſpatch* (which her fery coot Attorney has atvic'd her is not practiſeable in *that Caſe*) However, to come to the Matter, Her ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, that her Oratrix, at the Time of pringing this Pill was nominally, that is in Name or viſible Appearance, poſſeſs'd of *Four* fery pretty Farms, with all Capital Meſſuages, Lants, Tenements, Fielts, Outhouſes, Woots, Underwoots, Bruſhwoots and Pafins, and all other Appurtenances, as her tid efer ſee reckon't in the longeſt Leaſe whatefer. That tho' they are ſeperately helt, occupiet or enjoy'd, as Untertenants, by her fery coot Frients and Relathons, her firſt Couſen, *John*

Engliſh, her tear Countryman *Morgan ap Welſh*, and her Cuſſens Sherman *Alexander Mac Firth* and *Rourk o Iriſh*; yet the Ole is look upon as her own, and call'd, by her Neighpours and Frients, *The Lants of Mrs.* MAGNA PRITAIN, put it was long time; inteed fery long time, pefore her cou't get them to acknowledge her for their Lantlaty; and how long they may continue in that Mint, if they follow the efil Atviſements and Pretications of *Ropert de Houghton*, and other the Confeterates herein after named, Cot and her Loftſhip only knows.

And her further ſhews unto her Lortſhip, That her was, in the Tays of coot Friend *Henry* of *Monmouth*, a *Welſhman* porn, poſſeſſed of ſome other Lants, which are only *Copyholt*, *inteed*, held of her Manour by one *Lewis French*, a Metiator, or Cook, or Carſer, or ſome ſuch Trade, one other of the Confeterates herein after named, of which her has now cot the *Title Teeds* to protuce; put as to the Lant, they tell her 'tis none of her own, tho' her Anceſtors, Cot pleſs 'em, for her Family is fery ancient, as ancient as King *Catwallator* himſelf, hafe the three *Flower-louſes* in their Arms ofer the crete Pew, in the crete Church of *Monmouth*; as to thoſe who will take the Pains to go ant ſee, may more fully ant at large appear. Now whether her ſait Title to her ſait *Four Farms*, ant her *Bit of a Fifth*, be *Freeholt*, *Copyholt* or *Leaſeholt*, her cannot fery well tell; for her Writings and Title Teeds wou't puzzle St. *Winefred*, or the crete Tevil himſelf, to read them all, and find out the true Meaning, ſo her will ſubmit it to her Lortſhip: But her will tell her whole Story, from firſt to laſt, methotically, and then her Lortſhip was pe petter aple to ſhudge.

Her Oratrix therefore *further* ſhews unto her Lortſhip, py going pack firſt of all, to ſhew, that her

her was left very young by her Uncle *Mark Roman*, Esq; and her peing a praave Girl, a very peautiful praave Maiden, inteed; and he, fait Uncle, tying, this praave Maiden was us't very ill py several who pretentet to pe her Frients, who stripp'd her, took her Possessions from her, and, unter Pretence of gifing her coot Etucation, they mate her a downright household Servant; and in this Way she liv't many Years; first one Mr. *Dean* took her, and gafe her Fittles and Trink; poor Pittance, Cot knows: She liv't with him some time, and her Oratrix not very well liking his Usage (for Mr. *Dean*'s Wife was worse than the Tevil's Tam to her) her Lortship's Oratrix tit run away from the fait Mr. *Dean*, and appliet herself to one Mr. *Saxon*. Now her Lortship must know, that Mr. *Saxon* tid reciet her Oratrix, at first, much like a Shentleman; he did get the Writings of her Oratrix's Estate from Mr. *Dean*, and was put her Oratrix to School, to a praave School, inteed, to learn to knit and stitch, and was, moreofer, gife her Oratrix a praave new Cown, but it was of her own spinning.

And her Oratrix further sheweth unto her Lortship, that Mr. *Saxon* was agree very well with her Oratrix for consiteraple time, and was learn her to make Putter and Ceese, ant was make her go to Market, and her tit pegin to like Mr. *Saxon* as sell as her liked her nown Tat; and her peing a praave Maiden as aforesait, and a peautiful Firgin as aforesait, her Oratrix doth verily, and in troth, think and pelief that the fait Mr. *Saxon* dit intent to keep her Oratrix in her fait Serfice, until her shou'd arrive and attain to her Tay of Age, and then to make Marriash with her Oratrix, and take Possession of her ole Estate: Put her Oratrix sheweth, that pefore the fait Mr. *Saxon* cou't pring her Scheme to pear, one Mr. *Nor-*

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man was pretent to claim *Couſenage*, or *Kintred*, with her Oratrix, and dit ſay it was crete Shaam that ſo pretty Firginities ſhou't life in ſtrange Families like Pariſh Girl, and that the ſait Mr. *Norman* wou't ſhuſe herſelf her Guartian, and take her out of Mr. *Saxon*'s Serfice; and moreofer, that her the ſait Mr. *Norman* wou't confirm her ſait Oratrix in her ſait Eſtate, upon Contition that her wou't acree to ſerfe the ſait Mr. *Norman* as an Apprentice for the Space of *Sefen* Years, and that then her Oratrix ſhou't pe free. Now tho' her Oratrix was loſe Mr. *Saxon* fery well, yet her was confeſs, inteed, that Nofelties was pleaſe her fery much, and her accortingly was agree with Mr. *Norman* prifately upon the Contitions aforeſait, put not ſo prifately put it reach'd the Ears of Mr. *Saxon*, who prought an *Action* againſt Mr. *Norman* for ſetucing her Serfant from her; and the ſame was tried at the Aſſiſes at *Battle* in *Suſſex*, where, what can her ſay?——Mr. *Saxon* loſt her Cauſe, and Mr. *Norman* declar't herſelf Guartian to her Oratrix.

And her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, that her ſait Guartian, Mr. *Norman*, entirely changed her Manners and Treſs, and likewiſe taught her a ſtrange Language, ſuch a Language as *Lewis French*, one of the Confeterates herein after named, was uſe; and the ſait Mr. *Norman* was make out a Liſt, or Catalogue, or what her Lortſhip pleaſes to call it, of all her Oratrix's ſait Eſtate; and the ſame was contained in a crete Pook, pigger than her Father's Church Piple, and was call't *Toomſtay Pook*, to which her Oratrix, who cannot reat herſelf, pegs leaſe to refer thoſe that can, for her Eſtate turing her Minority. And her Oratrix was accortingly pound to the ſait Mr. *Norman* py an Intenture mate by her Clerk of her Pariſh, for the Term of *Sefen* Years as aforeſait; and

and her Oratrix peing ſo pound as aforeſait, did ſet herſelf to ork, and co apout her Puſineſs, as efery coot Omans ought to do, expecting when the ſait Term of *Sefen* Years was expire, her Oratrix ſhou't pe free as aforeſait; put, Cot help her, they dit lengthen her ſait Term of *Sefen* Years ſo long, that her Oratrix was conclute that they intentet her ſait Term of *Sefen* Years ſhou't laſt for *Sefenty*, or *Sefen undret* Years———Put her will not take up too much of her Lortſhip's Time; and, therefore, her Oratrix further ſheweth, that pecauſe her cou't not reat, they dit impoſe on her Oratrix fery much, telling her, after her had ſerf'd long time, fery long time inteed, that her ſait *Sefen* Years was not expire; and her ſait Maſter, Mr. *Norman*, preaking, and the Shildren of her former Maſter, Mr. *Saxon*, ketting up again in the Orld, ſeveral Law Suits and Pribble Prabbles was commence; the Sharges of which peing porn out of her Oratrix's Eſtate, dit very much timiniſh the ſaam, and the Tevil and Tevil's Tam, dit ſo order it, that her Oratrix was nefer the petter neither; for all the while that they were fighting and prabbling and ſcrabbling for her Eſtate and Coots, her was put a poor Serfant ſtill, Cot pleſs her; for her Oratrix ſheweth, that her two Maſters, Mr. *Saxon* and Mr. *Norman* aforeſait, tho' they tied without lawful Iſſue, whom they cou't make Bapſon of, by their Wifes; poor coot Omans! yet they left a Prace of Paſtards to plague her Oratrix, py Naam Mr. *York* and Mr. *Lancaſter*. Now theſe two dit ſeize her Oratrix's Eſtate, and diſide it petween them, 'till meeting one Tay unter a Hedge, in a Place was call't *Poſworth Fielt*, Mr. *York* was kill by Mr. *Lancaſter*, who was make Marriage with her Siſter; and her Oratrix was mate faiting Firgin in ortinary to her coot Miſtreſs *Eliſapeth*, and praave Times thoſe were; ah! praave Times,

Times, inteed; her Oratrix fery much fear her was neter fee fuch Times again; for her coot Miſtreſs *Eliſapeth* was gife her Oratrix Poſſeſſion of her Churches, her Ouſes, her Lants, her Cattle, her Oxes, her Cows, her Orſes, her Sheep, and all her praave Things; and her Oratrix was laugh, and was ſing, and was jump, and was play ——Oh they were praave Times in her coot Miſtreſs *Eliſapeth*'s Tays——— Put her will not take up too much of her Lortſhip's Time———Well! it is *Pill of Complaint* her Lortſhip knows, and her Oratrix muſt *complain*, for it pleaſed Cot to take her coot Miſtreſs to herſelf; ay, to *herſelf* her don't doubt, for fery coot Miſtreſs ſhe was, and fery coot Chriſtian, and fery coot Firginities!. It was Cot's Ork, inteed, put her muſt *complain*, for 'tis *Pill of Complaint* her Lortſhip knows, and fery coot Reaſon her has ſo to do, if her was hear all—put her will not take up her Lortſhip's Time.

And her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, that after the Teath of her coot Miſtreſs *Eliſapeth* as aforeſait, her ſait Intentures were aſſigned oſer to one Mr. *Scot*, who inteed made a fery pat Uſe of the ſaam, and was the Cauſe why many Misfortunes dit attend hur Oratrix; not that Mr. *Scot* himſelf was guilty of much Harm; for all the Time that her Oratrix was life with the ſaid Mr. *Scot*, he was ſleep oſer crete Pook to put Pelief on the Orld that he cou't reat; and her Oratrix was not conciefhe wou't hafe wake at all, put ſome unlucky Rogues was fire a *Cracker* unter his Tail, which was make ſuch a Fizz, that her crete Pope of *Rome* they was ſay had a Hant in it. And her Oratrix ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, that the ſait Mr. *Scot* left ſome Shildren behind him; one of which her Oratrix confeſſes her dit conciefcrete Fenerations for, and was loſe entirely; put he hafing efil Tevices in his Heat, dit not approſe

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of her Oratrix as a Wife; put, Lort hafe Mercy upon her! her tremples to think on't, was catch holt of her one Tay as her was ſtripp in her Smock to *clean her Ouſe*, and not hafing the Fear of Cot pefore his Eyes, put mofed py the Inſtigation of the crete Tevil to pe ſhure, dit fow and ſwear that her Oratrix was left py her fait Maſter, Mr. *Scot*, to his Care, and that now her was apſolute ofer her Oratrix, and wou't *raſiſh*, ay *raſiſh*, that was fery Orts inteed now—Wou't *raſiſh* her Oratrix if her was illing or no——and, Cot's Pleſſing on her, Fat cou't poor Firginities do in the Hants of ſtrong Man?—an ſo—her will not take up too much of her Lortſhip's Time—he did ſieze *ſix poor Mempers* inteed, and dit rop poor Oratrix of her precious Firginities; her dit ſtruggle, and ſcratch, and fight and pray, put it was to no Purpoſe, for Firginities was gone, and what was much orſe, her did giſe her Oratrix a fery ſad Illneſs inteed; it was ſomething like, or much orſe, for ought her Oratrix can conceif, than the *French Tiſeaſe*: Ant her Oratrix ſheweth, in this ſat and teploraple Caſe, her was apply herſelf to ſeveral Toctors, fery coot Toctors, as her Oratrix was inform, put they was miſtake her Caſe, and was fomit, and purge, and pleet her, 'till her was tumple off her Legs, Cot help her; and then they was *ſalifate* her, put all wou't not do; ant her was pawn ant make away with all her was orth in the ſerſal Orld, to keep her in her fait *Salifation*. Ant her Oratrix ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, that ſhe was not re-memper to tell her Lortſhip the Naam of her fait Raſiſher, put her will now; and it was call't Mr. *Sturt*, look you; and the ſait Mr. *Sturt* hafing ſo *raſiſh't* her Oratrix as aforeſait, was fery much diſpleaſe all coot People therepy, who was gife ole.ome Atvicements to her Oratrix to intite her ſait Raſiſher according to the Statutes in that

Caſe mate and profited, and was recommend her Oratrix to a fery coot Attorney, one *Olifer Cruſty*, to carry on the ſaam; and her Oratrix, accorting to their Atvicements aforeſait, was intite the ſait Mr. *Sturt*, and he was contemned py her fery coot Lort Shudge, and was *tye* for the ſame, poor Mans! And her ſait Attorney, *Olifer Cruſty*, was pring an Ejectment, and was turn out the Son of the ſait Mr. *Sturt*, and was take upon himſelf the Management of her Oratrixes ſait *four Farms*, and was fery much increaſe the Reſenues thereof—— Put, Cot help her! her was ſtill to pe poor; for the Tevil was come one Night, and in crete loud Storms of Thunders and Lightnings, and Wints and Rains was carry away the ſait *Olifer Cruſty*; and her Oratrix haſing peen out of Place turing the Time of her employing the ſait *Olifer Cruſty* as aforeſait, was well hope her was life upon her Eſtate—Put, Cot help her! her was to pe poor ſtill— For her was compell to ſhuſe Mr. *Sturt*'s Son for her Maſter; and, Lort help her Heat! he was make her *try Nurſe* to all his *Paſtarts*: And her Oratrix ſheweth, that he was tye ſoon after, and left her all the ſaid Paſtarts to maintain and ork for, which her was hartly aple to do; for her late *Saliſation* dit hang heafy on her Limps and Pones—And—Cot pleſs her! her was to pe poor ſtill—Her Oratrix ſheweth, that, upon his Teath, his *Prother Jacop* was come into Poſſeſſion of her Oratrix and her Eſtate; and, Heafen hafe Mercy on her! her was ferily in her Conſcience think and pelief that the ſait *Jacop* was a Conſhurer, as crete a Conſhurer as Father *Merlin* herſelf; for he wou't touch no ferſal Thing unleſs it was *ſign with a Cros*; ant, upon rummaſhing among her olt Cranmother's Silfer Spoons, ay and Pewter and ooden ones too, he was fint ſome coot antient Plate, and her was ſhange it all in Shape of a

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crete Crofs, which was fery icket and aferfe to the laft Will of her Anceftors and Pretecefſors ; and pretending that her Oratrix was unter Age, and ſtill pound py the Intenture aforefaid, moreofer that her Oratrix's *Conſtitution* was quite *tecayed* py the *Salifation* aforefait, and other file Pretences, he was 'pout to lock your Oratrix up priſately, and take her ole Eſtate—Put, Cot pleſs her! her was find ſome Cunnings and ſome Frients ſtill ; for her Oratrix was atfic'd, that tho', py Law, her Intentures were in full Force acainſt her, yet that her was *free* and *looſe* from them by *Equity*—*For that Laws and Statutes hafe nothing to do with Equity* —Or, which was petter, and much more to her Mint inteed now, they was tell her ſait Oratrix, that if her was *marriage* her Serfice was out of Courſe.

Ant her Oratrix ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, that her was fery clat at this praave coot News ; and her was gife a Scrifner in the *Temple* one ole twelfe Half-pence to rite Letter for her to her Cuſſen *William Leman* to come and make Marriage with her, and her wou't make Aſſignment of all her ole ſait Eſtate if he wou't get it from the ſait *Jacop* ; and, Cot's Pleſſing on his Heart, her Cuſſen *Leman* was come accorting to her Inſitations aforeſait, and was make Marriage, coot and lawful Marriage, with her Oratrix.

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, that upon her ſait Marriage with her ſait Cuſſen *William Leman* (to prefent her Oratrix's peing raſiſhed or tepauched again, for her was *pretty Omans* now, as her was *pretty Firginities* pefore) all her Eſtate, conſiſting of the *Four Farms* aforeſait, and other Improfements, was *ſettled* on her Oratrix herſelf—ay, her own ſelf inteed, and her was do as her pleaſe with them, profided her was opey the Orters of her ſait Huſpand *William*

Leman; which was, That if her ſait Huſpant was tie without Iſſue, her was giſe a Liſe in her ſait Farms to a *poor Witow*, a Relaſhon of Mr. *Sturt* aforeſait, and then her was marry the *Sherman Cuſſen*, or the *Cuſſen Sherman*, of her then ſait Huſpant, called Mr. *Pritain*. And her Oratrix ſheweth, that her ſait Huſpant, Mr. *Leman*, was preak his Neck a hunting, poor Mans! and was tie without Iſſue aforeſait; and her Oratrix was giſe the ſait Liſe in the ſait Farm to the *poor Witow* aforeſait, and lifed amicaply with her for ſome time; and then, Cot pleſs her, her tied too; and her Oratrix was make Marriage with Mr. *Pritain* according to Atficements and Pretications of ſait Huſpant's Will as aforeſait.

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, That ſome ſhort Time pefore the Teath of the *poor Witow* as aforeſait, ſeferal Law Suits and Pribble Prabbles was ariſe apout her Oratrix's making Marriage with the ſait Mr. *Pritain*, py which Means her was came acquainted with *Ropert de Houghton*, one of the Confeterates herein after named; and the ſait *Ropert de Houghton* was recommented to her Oratrix py Mr. *Lynn* of *Norfolk*, as one who peing pred to the Law, and well ferſed in the *Tricks*, *Shuffles*, and *Eſaſions* thereof, ſas a fery proper Perſon to untertake her Oratrix's Puſineſs; and her Oratrix was inteed intruſt him, the ſaid *Ropert*, with Part thereof, put was fearful to giſe the Ole to his Tirection, pecauſe her was meet with many raſcally Coſtarts pefore, as her hath alreaty enteaſour'd to ſhew to her Lortſhip; and her was not know put ſait *Ropert* might proſe as worſe as the reſt, put peing inform't that ſait *Ropert* was crete Fatourites of her ſait new Huſpant, that was to pe, Mr. *Pritain*, her Oratrix was intuced to entruſt him more than her ſhou't do, inteed, for that fery Reaſon. Put her Oratrix

trix ſheweth, that her was conceif much petter Opinions of ſait *Ropert* upon following Accounts: Her Oratrix hafing much Puſineſs in Law as aforeſait, was often in Town, and hafing frequent Occaſhons to attent at the *prave Hall of Feſtmiſter*, was fery much uſe a certain Coffee-ouſe there hart py, call't *St. Stefen's Coffee-ouſe*; and that her always fount ſait *Ropert* there; who then appearing to pe prave pold Mans, for he *talk'd more* and *louter* than all the Peoples there, was make her Oratrix think he was prave Attorneys for her, more particularly at one certain Time, put what Tay, or Month, or Year, her cannot tell, pecauſe her Pocket-pook was loſt, put it was ſome Tay, or ſome Month, or ſome Year, her was come in the ſait Coffee-ouſe to conſult with ſome of her fery coot Attornies, ant her was find them all in high Tepates, and much Pripple Prapples concerning her Oratrix, and the Queſtion was put py the coot Company, ſether her Oratrix was petter marry Mr. *Pritain*, or a *crete plack Man* that the *poor Witow* was pick out for her. Now her Oratrix was not fery much like the *crete plack Man*, nor was loſe him at all, put was much rather comply with the Will of her late Huſpant *William Leman* aforeſait; put peing willing, and hafing much Inclinations to hear the Opinions of her Frients and Foes poth, ſate fery ſnug and quiet to hear the Tepate: Ant her Oratrix ſheweth, that ſait *Ropert* was ſpeak fery much in her Oratrix's Pehalf, and dit ſay, Mr. *Pritain* was fery oneſt, juſt Mans, and the *crete plack Man* was Scountrels and Raſcals, and all that; and, inteed, the ſait *Ropert* pehaſed ſo praſely, that the Shentlemans who heard him talk, was call him *impertinent* Plockheat, and *ſaucy* Fellow, and was ſay, they wou't kick the ſait *Ropert* out of their Company, and that they was not know what Puſineſs ſait *Ropert* hat there,

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or how he got into the Ouſe; and that if he was not immetiatly withdraw, they wou't preak his Knafe's Coſtard, or kick him out; and her Oratrix peing afrait Plows might enſue, was gife her friently Advicements to ſait *Ropert* to go out of his own Accort, to prefent further Miſchief, ant was gife the ſait *Ropert* many Thanks for ſtanding up ſo ſtiffly in Pehalf of ſuch poor Omans as her Oratrix, inteed; put ſait *Ropert* was pid her Oratrix ſit town and not pe afrait, for he, ſait *Ropert*, knew what was petter for Oratrix than herſelf. Now, altho' her Oratrix nefer employ't ſait *Ropert* to appear for her as her Attorney, yet her Oratrix was own, inteed, that her was then much peholden to ſait *Ropert* for ſo toing.

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth, that ſait *Ropert* was grow fery angry at their pidding him *quit the Ouſe* as aforeſait, and was ſay that he wou't ſtant py her Oratrix and Mr. *Pritain*, to the laſt Trop of Ploot, and that they were all Parcels of *fat Togs*, and might kiſs his Packſite, for that his coot Frient Mr. *Lynn*, was ſent him to that Coffee-Ouſe to wait for him, and there he wou't ſtay; and as to her Oratrix, her ſhou't marry Mr. *Pritain*, ay that her ſhou't, and no Poty elſe: Upon which the Maſter of the Coffee-ouſe, a cus'ning Knaave! was ſent prifately for a Conſtaple, and her was carry poor *Ropert* to *Louſe-Ouſe* inteed; whereupon her Oratrix conceifing poor *Ropert* was ſent to ſait *Louſe-Ouſe* for taking her Part, was fery much eſteem ſaid *Ropert*, and from that Time was repoſe much Confitence in ſaid *Ropert*. Put her Oratrix ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, that her was much decief in ſaid *Ropert* at that Time, and ſeveral Times ſince; for that ſait *Ropert* was ſuffer himſelf to pe peaten plack and plue, and ſent to ſait *Louſe-Ouſe*, only to crafe Fafour, and ingratiate himſelf with ſait Mr. *Pritain*, ſince her Oratrix's Huſpant; and her

her Oratrix ſheweth, that her was ſince receife Information, that ſait *Ropert*, was Knaafe in his Heart, and was only make Uſe of the Pretence as aforeſait to pe committed, put that the ſhuſt and true Reaſon was, pecauſe ſait *Ropert* was ſheat the *poor Witow*, whoſe Serſant ſait *Ropert* then was, of a ole Crop of *Oats*, and *other Corn*, wherepy poor Witow's Orſes were almoſt ſtarfed, and unapble to plough or go to Cart, or do their Orks as all coot Orſes ought to do, wherepy he was bring much Scandal upon her poor Oratrix, and the ſait Mr. *Pritain*.

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, that after her ſait Marriage with Mr. *Priton* as aforeſait, her ſait Huſpant was ſo fery much teceived py the ſaid *Ropert*, and his *falſe* Fiſages and *fine* Speeches, that her ſait Huſpant not only pait the Fees, and was releaſe ſait *Ropert* from the *Louſe-Ouſe* aforeſait, put was repoſe ſuch Confitence in the ſait *Ropert*, that he was make him Poſom Frients, and was gife him crete Wages, fery crete Wages inteet, and was loſe him petter than her Oratrix, to her Oratrix's fery crete Loſs and Inſhury. Ant her Oratrix ſheweth, that her ſait Huſpant Mr. *Pritain*, tho' he was marry her as aforeſait, was haſe fery ſmall Recard for her, fery ſmall, inteed! For Cot and her Lortſhip will know it was merely pecauſe her was Fortunes, look you; and ſo her ſait Huſpant was keep a *little Prickill*, which was all his own prave Eſtate at the Time of their Marrige as aforeſait; and, wicket Mans, as he was! he was not only puilt a prave Ouſe on ſait Prickills with her Oratrix's Moneys—For, Lort haſe Mercy on her, her was to pe poor ſtill! Put her ſait Huſpant was likewiſe keep a prave Laty to inhapit ſuit praſe Ouſe, and for that Purpoſe, and for Pleaſures, and Telights, and cifil Recreations, was dreſs her up as finer as the crete *Ore* of *Papilon*

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in the *Refalations* deſcriped; and her ſait Huſpant was life peſt part of the Year, look you, with ſait *Ore* of *Papilon*, and was treſs her in Silks, and Sattins, and Rippants, and Laces, and Ollants, whilſt poor Oratrix was hafe nefer a Shift to her Pack; Put *Touſon!* her was not ſpeak ill of her Huſpant, howeſer—Put 'tis *Pill of Complaint*, her Lortſhip knows, and her muſt *complain* of ſomepoty; and *who* ſhou't her *complain* of more than this cogging Knaafe *Ropert de Houghton?*

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, that her was imagine, when her ſait Huſpant was like *little Prickills* petter than Farm-Ouſe, that her Oratrix ſhou't hafe peen permitted to have lifed peaceaply and quietly at home, and hafe minted her Tairy, and heard the Ort of Cot, and receit't her Rents, and ſent them to her ſait Huſpant without any Trouple, or that her ſait Huſpant wou't hafe ſtait at leaſt *ſix Months* in the Year with her: Put her Oratrix ſheweth, that the ſait *Ropert de Houghton* was perſwate her ſait Huſpant, that her Oratrix was alienate her fery coot Affections from him, and was give them to the *crete plack Man* aforeſait; and for that Purpoſe, and at the Inſtications of the Tefil and his Tam, the ſait *Ropert de Houghton*, in Compination with that naſty, louſy, peggarly Knaafe *Lewis French* aforeſait, was get the *Skeleton of a teat Aſs*, look you, and was put an old plack Coat and Wig thereon, and was moreover ſtick a Cantle in the Skull, and the ſait *Ropert de Houghton*, was afterwarts employ the ſait *Lewis French* to ſtick up the ſait frightful Spectres and Apparitſhions, at one of the crete Cates which was open into a Highway leating tirectly to her ſait Oratrix's Capital Farm-Ouſe; and hafing ſo done, the ſait *Robert de Houghton*, was come fery receitfully to her Oratrix, and tell her frighful Tales to put her into

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crete Fears and Tremulations of Heart, as that the ſait *Skeleton of the teat Aſs*, was the Ghoſt of Mr. *Sturt*, which was come to fetch her away from the ſait Huſpant, and was likewiſe tell her poor oneſt Tenants the ſame pitiful Tale, and atticet your Oratrix to purn *Ruſhlights* etery Night in her Shamper; and proffering out of crete Seal for the Serfice of her Oratrix to hire crete Numpers of luſty Fellows, call't *Stanting Lupparts*, with Cuns and tall Staves to frighten away the ſait *Aſſes Heat*, which her Oratrix was comply with, ant was gite the ſait *Ropert* ſeteral Sumes of Money to profite the ſait Ruſhlights, and to pay the ſait luſty Fellows, ant for that Purpoſe was mortgage her Ouſes, her Lant, her Corn ant her Cattle, ant was gife him one coot wheaten Loaf out of etery Three her was pake, ant one Parrel of Parley Peer out of etery Four her was prew, to her Oratrix's crete Tamage ant Inſhury.

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, That the cogging Knaave was not content therewith, put was go to her ſait Huſpant at *Prickills* aforeſait, ant was tell him, that the ſait *Aſſes Heat* was the real Mr. *Sturt*, or one of his praave Papies, ant that the ſait *Lewis French* was pring him there to intuce her Oratrix to take him into her Ouſe, ant to commit Fornicathons and Atulteries with him, contrary to her Oath of Marriage, taken on the crete Fiple; and was atfice her Oratrix's ſait Huſpant, that the only way to prefent the ſaam, was to teprife her Oratrix of all manner of Monies ant Conſeniencies, ant to keep her not orth a Croat, or a Rag to cofer her Shaam; ant that then Mr. *Sturt* was not think it pe orth his while to make loſe to her Oratrix, well knowing poor Omans Peauty is coot for nothing when her Coats ant her Cowns, ant her praave Things are gone; ant her ſait Huſpant, at the eſil Pretica-

tions ant Atficements of the ſait *Ropert de Houghton*, was put the wicket Scheme in Practice; ant the petter to pring it to pear, was make the ſait *Ropert* Stewart of all his Manours, ant he was raiſe what Monies he pleaſe on poor Tenants, without efer ſhudging whether it was for her Oratrix's Coot or no, ant was make 'em pay touple for Corns ant Coals, ant for Cantles ant Soaps, ant Linnens ant Oollens; ant was efen teprife them of Salt for their Pottage, wherepy her was loſe a many praave Tenants, ant her poor Oratrix was almoſt proke for a Farmer; nay, he was make her pay ole four Half-pence for efery Peep at the Sun, ant two for efery Preath of Air her preathes; ant when her was complain of ſuch ill Uſage, the ſait *Ropert* was tell her, her was ſcolting Jate, ant if her was not holt her Tongue, her was ſtop her *Chimney* ant ſmother her with Smoke; put her Oratrix ſheweth, that her was coot Spirit yet, a praave Spirit, ant wou't talk in ſpite of him or all his Tefils; ant therefore ſait *Ropert* was think it was petter to contrife a Way to ſheat her Oratrix, than to rop her townright, which was well-nigh ruin her, inteet—For, Cot pleſs her, her was to pe poor ſtill.

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, That the ſait *Ropert de Houghton* was contrife a teſtiſh Scheme inteet for the Purpoſe aforeſait; for, coming to her Oratrix's Ouſe one *Suntay* after Sermon time, ſhuſt as the Parſon was going to play at Footpall: (Now the cogging Knaave was ſhuſe that Time, pecauſe her Oratrix was alone, ant he fery well knew the Parſon was his Enemy, ant was always gife her coot Atficements againſt the ſait *Ropert*) ant the ſait *Ropert* was look ſmiling on her Oratrix, ant tolt her, her was peautiful Omans inteet (for her hat that Tay put on a praſe new Silk Cown, inteed: Ah! ſays the ſly Knaave,

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Mrs. *Pritain*, I much onder how my Maſter, your Huſpant, cannot like you, for, to my Thinking, you are pretty Omans as efer I was ſee, ant it griefs me to the fery Heart to ſee him prefer his little, naſty, ſtinking *Prickill* to this fine Manſhon Ouſe, put they tell me, Mrs. *Pritain*, you are much poorer than you was when you married Mr. *Pritain:* Now, if you was raiſe a Sum of Money tirectly, put it muſt pe tirectly, or not at all, I hafe a praave Nefew of mine, who is ſmart Lats inteed, ant he is going trating Voyages to the South-Sea; a praave Sea inteed, for all the Shores are lin't with Colt, ant all the Sants are Tiamonts, real Tiamonts inteet. Now if you will ſent that Silk Cown, ant whatefer elſe you are orth in the Orld, for a Fenture, you may tepent upon't, ſhure as I am alife, her fait Nefew was pring her pack half a Puſhel, or a Puſhel, of that ſaam Sant, ant that will enaple you to go to Cot's Ouſe, the Church, in a Coach as long as you life, ant to leafe the ſaam to your Chiltren when you tie. Ant her Oratrix ſheweth, that her was ofer-reach't py thefe fine Speeches, ant was make her Tenants deceif't too, ant was ſent her Cown, ant all her praave Things, for a Fenture with the ſait *Ropert*'s Nefew; put, inſteat of going to the *South Sea* as aforeſait, her Oratrix was inform, he was met py the way py the ſait *Ropert*, who took from him all the ſait praave Things, and was carry ſome to the *Prickill*, ant was keep ſome himſelf, ant was gife the reſt to the ſait *Lewis French*, to take town the Image of the *crete plack Man* aforeſait, which was make quiet the Shealouſies of her Oratrix's ſait Huſpant, ant was ſtop her Enquiry into what pecame of her Cown, ant all her fine Things.

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lort-ſhip, That the ſait *Ropert* was perſuate her Huſ-

pant, whenefer her was pegin to complain, to peat her plack ant plue, poth Sites and Heat, ant pelly ant all, ſo that her Oratrix was ferce to holt her Tongue, inteed, much againſt her Will: Ant her Oratrix ſheweth, That her hat now four Sons, pretty well grown up to Man's Eſtate, which her Oratrix hat profited for in pretty Manners enough; the Eldeſt ſhe kept to her Puſineſs, *to look after the Farm*; the Secont was learn to write and ciffer, ant he was to pe a praave *Merchant*; the Thirt was Clerk to an *Attorney* in *Thafie's-Inn* (for her Oratrix was trouple with Law, and was hafe Puſineſs enough of her own to employ him, if efer he was pe aple to act) ant not knowing what to do with the Fourth, her was make him a *Parſon*: Ant her was in Hopes, when their Father was peat ant apuſe her Oratrix in manner aforeſait, that theſe praave young Men wou't hafe take her Part; put Cot help her! if *Ropert* put helt up his Hant, they were all as tumb as a Stone, ant as teaf as a Stock, tho' they hafe frequently peat her Tenants all rount, at *Ropert*'s pitting, twenty times in one Tay.

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, that peſites her Eſtate peforementioned her was hafe in her Power a TURNPIKE, which was ſituate upon the Highway in a Pariſh call't CALPE, or ſome ſuch Name, which was of crete Uſe to her Oratrix, as it let all Cattle packwarts and forwarts, and kept out her efil Neighpors. Now *Lewis French* aforeſait, hat threaten't to peat *Ropert*, ant threſh him fery much, if he was not perſuate her Oratrix's ſait Huſpant to giſe up the ſait Turnpike, ant the Toll thereof, to a Cuſſen of the ſait *Lewis French*'s; ant the ſait *Ropert* knowing that her ſait Huſpant, Mr. *Pritain*, wou't not willingly part with the ſaam, if he were in right Senſe, was make her Oratrix's Huſpant *teat trunk* with

with *French Pranty* one Morning at the ſait *Prickill's*, ant her ſait Huſpant was conſent to gife up the ſaam ; put, Cot pleſs her ! when her came to pe *ſoper* her confiteret what her hat done, and deniet it all acain.

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, That the ſait *Ropert* was cauſe it to pe gifen out, that her ſait Huſpant was tie at the ſait *Prickill's* py eating a Colt Cucumper one fery hot Summer's Tay ; put whether her Oratrix's ſait Huſpant was ſo tie or no, her will not take upon her to ſay, only, that if her was, her Oratrix nefer heart that her was puriet inteed : Howefer, her Oratrix was marry acain to her ſait late Huſpant's Relaſhon, *another Mr. Pritain*, and her Oratrix was hope he was hafe tiſcartet this raſcally cogging Knaave *Ropert de Houghton*, that he wou't have kick'd *Lewis French* out of the Ouſe, hafe ſet fire to the *Prickills*, ant hafe contentet himſelf with lifing with her Oratrix on her own natural Eſtate aforeſait——Put, Cot help her ! her was ſtill to pe poor——

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, That the ſait *Ropert* was likewiſe alienate the Affections ant Loſes of this her ſecont Huſpant from her, as he hat done the firſt, py the Help of the ſait *Lewis French*, ant py the Pretence of the *Aſſes Heat*, and the *crete plack Man* as aforeſait, and the ſait *Ropert* was more in Fafour than efer : For her Oratrix ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, That her ſait new Huſpant was ſo far from tiſcarting the ſait *Ropert*, that he was appoint him to holt all the Courts of his Manour, ant was make her Oratrix's Son the Attorney ſupſerfient to him to do as he pleaſe ; ant the ſait *Ropert*, in Purſuance to ſuch crete Power gifen him py her ſait Huſpant, was take her ſait Son from his oneſt Maſter at *Thaſies Inn* aforeſait, and was put him Clerk to one Mr. *Paxem* or *Taxem*, or ſome ſuch Name, one other of the Conſeterates acainſt her

her Oratrix ; ant the ſait Mr. *Paxem* was no ſooner cot her Oratrix's *Son of the Law* in his own Hants, ant at his own efil Tiſpoſals and Tiſpoſitions, put he was imploy her ſait Son to ſtir up and foment Tifiſions ant Animoſities, ant Squapples, ant Prauls, not only petween her Oratrix's ſait Huſpant ant her ant them, put petween her Oratrix ant her ſait Chiltren ; ant for that efil Purpoſes and Intenſhons, the ſait Mr. *Paxem* was profite for her Oratrix's ſait Son the *Lawyer* a ole Kennel of ſat Togs, naſty, louſy, pitiful Togs call't *Creyhounts*, with which he was ſent her ſait Son efery Morning a poaching all ofer her ſait Oratrix's Eſtate, contrary to all Law and Equity, tho' at the ſame Time he wou't not ſuffer her Oratrix, or a Tenant, to keep in her Ouſe any one ſtaunch or true-pret Ount whateſer, ant was take crete Antipathies ant Tiſcontents acainſt a *Talpot Tog* which was much peloſed py her Tenants, ant was make much of in efery Ouſe, pecauſe he was triſe away ſait Creyhounts whereefer he was ſee them ; ant her Oratrix was ferily ant in Conſcience pelief, that the ſait *Ropert de Houghton*, or the ſait *Paxem*, or ſome one of their raſcally, ſhaproon, ſcappy-coſtard Knaaves was gife her ſait Hount ſome Spunge, for, poor Tog ! he tied, to the crete Crief of all her Tenants, ant to her Oratrix's fery crete Loſs ant Inſhury. Ant her Oratrix ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, That, after the Teath of her ſait tear Tog, her ſait Son the Lawyer, at the Inſtication, ant py the efil Atficements of the ſait *Ropert de Houghton*, ant unter the Tirection of the ſait *Paxem*, was let his ſait Creyhounts looſe into all Parts of her ſait Oratrix's Eſtate, ant was run town her Hares, ant her Conies, ant her Peeſs, ant her Muttons, ant her Coats, ant was threaten her Oratrix's Tenants to ſuch a Tecree, that many of them was force to leafe her ſait Oratrix's Eſtate, ant ſeek for Refuſhe in Places peyont the Seas ; ant when her ſait other Sons was complain

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in her Oratrix's Pehalf to her ſait Huſpant Mr. *Pritain*, the ſait *Ropert* was keep him like Priſoners in cloſe Rooms, and was well ply him with Pottles and Claſſes, and Omans, and ſuch-like Fooleries, and wou't not permit her Oratrix's ſait Sons to ſee him or make Complaints to him, contrary to all Law and Reaſons and Cauſes; nor py his coot Will wou't he efer ſuffer her ſait Huſpant to ſtir aproat, unleſs to go packwarts and forwarts to the ſait *Prickills* (which was now mate finer than efer at her ſait Oratrix's Expence and Sharges) nor was the ſait *Ropert* efer let her ſait Huſpant Mr. *Pritain* walk rount her Oratrix's ſait Eſtate to ſee what Farms were in her Poſſeſſion, or in what Contitions they were, as in Shuſtice he ought to hafe tone: Which, when her Oratrix and her ſait other three Sons was reſent, and was utter polt Orts acainſt the ſait *Ropert* and *Paxem*, and the reſt of his Racamuffins, they was perſuate her ſait Huſpant, that in apuſing the ſait *Ropert* they was efil Intenſions acainſt him, and was prefail upon him to ſet her paſtartly Son the *Lawer* to ork to ruin the other three, which he was do accortingly: For he was join with Mr. *Gage*, an Exciſeman, who was make falſe Oaths acainſt poor *Merchant*, and was make him *Panckrupcies* inteet: Nor was he petter or kinter to poor *Parſons*, look you! for her was tell all the People, that the Church was fall, and was knock their Prains out of their Pates, and 'twas petter to orſhip Cot in the Fielts; put her was orſe than all to the poor Farmer; for her Oratrix ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, That, at the laſt crete Sheepſhearing, her ſait Son was ſaafe up ſeferal crete Quantities of *Ooll*, which he was pringing to her Oratrix's crete Farm to ſent to Market, put the ſait *Ropert de Houghton* was plant that cogging Knaafe *Lewis French* py the Way, and ſait *Ropert* mate her Oratrix's ſait Son trunk, and was ſent, in mean Times, ſome half-hang't raſcally Knaaſes to carry ſait *Ooll* to the

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ſait *Lewis French's*; which her Oratrix can more plainly profe, pecauſe her ſait Huſpant, Mr. *Pritain*, not peing aple to make a Coat out of her Oratrix's ſait Eſtate, was purchaſe one at a crete Price of the ſait *Lewis French*, which peing tiſguiſet with ſome tawtry Trimmings ripp't off a Serſheant of the *Traint Pants* Puff Coat, her ſait Huſpant cou't not ſee that it was mate of his own ant her Oratrix's ſait *Ooll*; ant her ſait Oratrix was further inform her Lortſhip, that peſites ropping her ſait Son of the ſait *Ooll* in manner aforeſait, the ſait *Ropert* was cauſe ſome of his ſait Racamuffins to preak open the Cranaries of her ſait Son one Tay when he was at Church, ant was take away all his Corns ant his Oats, ant his Parleys, ant was ſent the ſame to his Confeterate *Lewis French*: So that of all her ſait Sons her Oratrix was not fint one was aple to take her Part; and ſeferal other wicket ant efil Things the ſait *Ropert* was do to her Oratrix ant her Tenants; ſome of which are as follows: ——— No Tenant cou't go to ſpeak to her Oratrix's ſait Huſpant without powing town ant kiſſing the Feet of the ſait *Ropert*——The ſait *Ropert* was nefer let her ſait Huſpant reat or write his own Letters, ant was make him do ſhuſt as he pleaſe, ant was eſen *leat him py the Noſe* ſometimes rount the Room ſeferal Hours together; tho' her Oratrix was inform't, inteet, that, in ſo toing, the ſait *Ropert* was often pinch her ſait Huſpant, Mr. *Pritain*, too hart; which, when he felt, tho' he was like the Tiferſions fery much, he was turn apout and *kick* the ſait *Ropert*, was kick him fery hanſomely, inteet, which her Oratrix is of Opinion the ſait *Ropert* was fery richly teſerſe——Her Oratrix's ſait Huſpant was hafe Son of his own py other Omans—A pretty hopeful Youth inteet, and he was ſue his Father for his Fortunes, which was put his Tue; put ſait *Ropert* ſo manag't the *Crant Shury*, that it was gifen acainſt the oung Man's——The ſait *Ropert*

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was alway ſo hafe the ſait *Crant Shury* at his Peck, that her Oratrix, nor any of her Tenants, was efer get one coot Cauſe for apofe twenty Years together; for he was make up the ſait *Crant Shury* of her Son the *Lawyer* aforeſait, of a *Foot Soltier*, a *Cuſtom-ouſe Officer*, a *Shuſtice of Peace*, and a *maim'd Sailor*, who, pecauſe he was not aple to *fight*, was only fit to *hear Cauſes*, look you; ant with theſe he was prow-peat her Oratrix ant all her Tenants, ant was carry efery thing ſhuſt as he pleaſe; ant her file ant wicket Son the Lawyer was make Interpretation of the Statutes ant Cuſtoms of her Oratrix's Eſtate ſhuſt as pleaſe the ſait *Ropert*; ſo that if two or three oneſt Neighpours were trinking a Cup of Ale, ant was ſtay apofe one Hour in the Place, he was intite them for *Riots*, *Routs* ant *Aſſaults* upon her Oratrix's ſait Huſpant, tho', Cot he knows, her ſait Huſpant was quietly aſleep in his *Prickills* at the ſame Time—He was carry her ſait Son the Merchant to *Newgate* (who, as her Oratrix was ſhew her Lortſhip pefore, was Pankrupcies) pecauſe he was hafe peen to receif ſome Rent for her Oratrix, ant peing afrait of peing ropp't py ſome of the ſait *Ropert*'s Crew, he was porrow a ruſty Piſtol ant Swort to guart him, as her was ride py the *Rifer*'s *Site*, and for ſo toing the ſait *Ropert* was reaty to profe that her ſait Son was *ſmuggling*, pecauſe, ſays he, he is poor, ant therefore it was reaſonaple conciefings that he was rop, or ſmuggle; put whether he was rop or ſmuggle or no, he was hafe a *Piſtol apout him*, ant that was *Sufficiencies* for *Contemnations*. And if her ſait Son or herſelf was trouple with the *Wints*, or the *Colicks*, or the *Cripes*, and was hafe Inclinations to trink a Tram, the ſait *Ropert* was ſtant ofer them and make them trink *two Callons*, till they were reaty to purſt inteet, which, if they was not aple to do, the Exciſeman was gife them a Polus coſt a *untret Pounts* to ork it off. And laſtly he was raiſe Money from efery inriſtual Thing that

came in or went out of her Oratrix's Eſtate; her was pay for efery Alehouſe Mug her porrows, efery Pipkin her preaks, and efery Pan her uſes; and her was make poor Poppet-ſhow Mans pay two untret a Year pecauſe he was call *Punch* his Nameſake.

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, That the ſait *Ropert* was not only plunter ant rop her Eſtate at home, ant ſet her ſait Huſpant acainſt her, put he was likefiſe pring her into ſeveral Quantaries ant Tripulations with her Neighpours, wherepy ſeveral Law-ſuits was enſue, which was inſolfe her Oratrix fery much in Trouple, ant entirely loſe her Cretits ant Reputations. That the ſait *Ropert* peing entruſted py her Oratrix's ſait Huſpant as aforeſait to manage all his Affairs, was wholly let away by the ſait *Lewis French*, ant at his Inſtications was make her Oratrix pring ſeveral Actions at Law acainſt People who nefer inſhur't her, ant was make her pay ſeveral Sums of Money, rather than go to Law, to People to whom ſhe was not intepted one Farthing.

Ant your Oratrix further ſheweth, That her was lay py, in a cunning Place, ant in AN OLT TICKEN POCKET, ſome choice Pieces of olt Colt ant Silfer, to a conſiteraple Amount, which her ſait Oratrix was encreaſe yearly py tropping in now ant then a Six-pence or a Shilling, ant this Hoart her was reſerfe acainſt any Time of Tanger ant Emerſhency: Put the ſait *Ropert*, as the Teſil wou't hafe it, was fint the ſait Pocket, ant was acquaint her ſait Huſpant, Mr. *Pritain*, therefith, telling him, the Monies therein containet was his untouptet Right, as it was only SINKINGS upon him; whereupon her was orter the ſait *Ropert* to ſtrip the ſait *olt Pocket* as oft as he conſeniently cou't—— So, Cot help her! her was pe poor ſtill.

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, That there was hafe peen in her Oratrix's Family,

mily, Time out of Mint, a Pair of *olt Scales*, which were firſt teliferet to her Oratrix py her *coot Miſtreſs Eliſapeth* forementionet, ant her Oratrix was keep them ſafer than olt Colt, ant was hite the Monies in the Pocket aforeſait inteet, chiefly to pay her Shuſt Tepts, and repair theſe Scales: That while ſhe kept the ſait *Scales* ſafe, her coot Neighpours Mr. *Lippolt* the *Sherman*, ant Mr. *Fanterpooſe* the *Tutſman*, was often apply to her to weigh their Cuineas ant Moitores, and Three Pount Twelfes in the ſait Scales, ant efen *Lewis French* himſelf was often force to appeal to the ſame for the Shuſtneſs of his Weights; put the ſait *Ropert* perſuating her Oratrix's ſait Huſpant, that the ſait *Scales* were of no manner of Uſe or Serfice; ant that if he wou't lent them to the ſait *Lewis French*, he was pe fery much oplige to him, ant was pe return them when he pleaſe: Now her Oratrix was fery loth to part with her ſait Scales, put *Ropert* was inſiſt on it, ant her was force to conſent; put no ſooner was the ſait *Lewis French* poſſeſſet of the ſait Scales, than he was openly inſult her Oratrix ant her Tenants where-efer he met her, and was make her hife many Quarrels with the ſait Mr. *Lippolt* ant Mr. *Fanterpooſe*, ant was go to Law with the Daughter of the ſait Mr. *Lippolt*, who, as her Oratrix's Relaſhon, her was opliget to aſſiſt, put was prefentet from the ſame py the ſait *Ropert*; for which her Oratrix ſaith, The ſait *Ropert* was hafe crete Sums of Monies from the ſait *Lewis French* at ſeferal Times; and the petter to prefent her Oratrix from aſſiſting her ſait Frients ant Relaſhons, the ſait *Lewis French* was ſtir up ſeferal Law-ſuits acainſt her Oratrix to ſuch a crete Numper as was almoſt amount to townright *Parretry*. Ant the ſait *Ropert*, tho' pretenting to be her Oratrix's Frient, was no-ways inclineaple to do her Shuſtice, or put an Ent to the ſait Law-ſuits the ſhorteſt Way, put was taily expent her Oratrix's

Money, ant was make ſeferal *Meetings* and *Treats*, at which her Oratrix was always pay the Reckonings, ant was enter into *Articles* and *Arpitrations*, ant *Metiations* ant *Conſultations*, ant the Tefil's other efil Schemes to ſuch faſt Numpers, that it coſt her Oratrix half her yearly Eſtate for ſeferal Years together in *Parchments*, *Stamps* ant *Attorney's Fees*; ant yet her was nefer the near neither; for firſt her was article with *Lewis French* to pe quiet; then her was article with Mr. *Litpool* ant Mr. *Fanterpooſen* to ſue him ant do herſelf Shuſtice; ant then her was fall out with Mr. *Litpool*, ant was article with *Lewis French* ant his Cuſſin *Purpone* to optain Part of Mr. *Litpolt*'s Eſtate from him, ant to ſet *young Charles*, the Son of the ſait *Cooty Purpone*, in Poſſeſſion thereof, in Spight of Mr. *Litpool*'s Teeth; ant then he was quarrel with *Cooty Purpone*, ant was article with them all rount once more, as py *ſix Cart Loats* full of the ſait *Articles* now reaty to pe prought into Court, ant to which her Oratrix crafes Leaſe to refer her Lortſhip, more fully, ant her is ſure more at large, may appear.

Ant her Oratrix further ſheweth unto her Lortſhip, That, upon the Teath of the ſait Mr. *Lippolt*, the ſait *Lewis French* was turn his Taughter out of Toors without a Rag to cofer her Naketneſs, ant was gife her Eſtate to one Mr. *Bafary*, which was not only contrary to all the *firſt* Cart Loat of the ſait Articles, put to all Law, Shuſtice and Equity whatefer; whereupon her ſait Oratrix ant her ſait Tenants was fery angry with the ſait *Ropert*, ant was tell the ſame to her Oratrix's ſait Huſpant, who was ſtop their Mouths py telling them, *That he was apout to go amongſt them in proper Perſon ant put all Tifferences to rights*; put the ſait *Ropert* ſo managet it, that her ſait Huſpant was only make a ſeperate Article for the ſait *Prickills*, ant was leaſe her Oratrix ant the ſait Mr. *Lippolt*'s *Taughter* to Cot ant

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the wite Orld: At which her Oratrix ant her fait Tenants were fo enraget, that they was fow and fwear, That her fait Hufpant, Mr. *Pritain*, fhou't remofe the fait *Ropert de Houghton* from his Stewartfhip ant Offices aforefait, ant fhou't recofer the fait Scales from the fait *Lewis French*, ant turn Mr. *Bafary* from out of the fait Mr. *Lippolt*'s Taughter's Eftate, or they wou't not pay one Farthing more of Rent: Ant her Oratrix's fait Hufpant was accortingly take his Office of Stewart of his Manour, ant all the other Offices from the fait *Ropert de Houghton*. *Ant her Oratrix well hopet*, that her was now going to pe happy Omans once again; that her was now pe again poffeffet of her fait Pair of Family Scales; ant that the fait *Ropert* was hafe peen forcet to gife an Account, ant furrenter unto her Oratrix what Monies he hat fo frautulently reciefet of her Oratrix's as aforefait, ant that her Oratrix was hafe Shuftice done her in all other Refpects. *But now fo it is*, may it pleafe her Lortfhip, That the fait *Ropert de Houghton* hafing enteret into Compinations and Confeteracies with the fait *Lewis French*, the fait *Paxem* or *Taxem* (her Oratrix was atficet, that her Oratrix's fait Hufpant cannot pe one of the fait Compinations and Confeteracies, or her was make him one too) ant tifers other Perfons at prefent unknown to her Oratrix, whofe Names, when tifcoferet, her Oratrix crafes Leafe to infert herein with apt Orts to charge them) how to wrong ant infhure her Oratrix py extorting crete ant extrafacant Sums of Money from her, ant py trifling away her Tenants, or py turning her Oratrix ant her fait Chiltren out of her fait Eftate to fent her pegging, do pretent ant gife out, that they do not know whether her Oratrix's Name is *Magna Pritain* or no, or whether fhe was efer Serfant to Mr. *Saxon*, or Mr. *Dean*, or Mr. *Norman* or Mr. *Scot*, or Mr. *Sturt* as aforefait; ant at other Times they was acknowlege

lege inteet, that her Oratrix was inteet Serfant to the fait Mr. *Scot* as aforefait, ant was tepauchet, ant was lofe her Firginities py the fait Mr. *Sturt*, ant that the fait Mr. *Sturt* was executet for the fame ; put they fay, that they peliefe her Oratrix was always common Ores, ant was free for efery Comer ; ant that tho' her was marry Mr. *Leman*, ant he was leafe her in Will to Mr. *Pritain*, yet that it was not with an Intent that he was make her oneft Omans, ant take her to Wifes ; put that her Oratrix ant all her Eftate was left to the fait Mr. *Pritain*, at his Tifpofal as a Kift ; ant the fait *Ropert de Houghton* was pretent that he was hafe no Concern with her fait Oratrix, put as a Serfant to the fait Mr. *Pritain*, ant whatefer he has tone was py Orters ant Tirections for which he has fery coot Fouchers, put atmits, that he was fent from St. *Stefen*'s *Coffee-oufe* to the *Loufe-oufe*, ant that it was for appearing in Pehalf of her Oratrix ; whereas her Oratraix expreffly was charge, that it was for ropping the poor Witow of her Hay ant Corn as aforefait : Ant the fait *Ropert de Houghton* fometimes tenies that he was make her Oratrix's fait Hufpant trunk, ant perfuate him to gife up the fait Turnpike as aforefait, or that the fait Oufe at the *Prickills* was puilt with her Oratrix's Money, put that the fait Oufe was puilt at the Expence of her Oratrix's fait Hufpant—Ant the fait *Ropert de Houghton* ant the fait *Lewis French* teny, that they efer was trefs up the Skeleton of the fait *teat Afs* as aforefait for the Ghoft of Mr. *Sturt* ; whereas her Oratrix expreffly was charge, that the fait *Ropert de Houghton* ant the fait *Lewis French* was fright her ant her Tenants with the fait Skeleton for long times together, until the fait *Ropert* was ftrip her py the Means aforefait, ant was gife *Lewis French* crete Sums of Money to take it away ; fome of which the fait *Lewis* gafe again to the fait *Ropert* to intuce him to fheat her Oratrix of more. Ant the fait *Ropert* pretents, that

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he nefer was atfice her Oratrix to ſent her praave new Cown to the *South Sea* for a Fenture as aforeſait, or that he was ofer-reach her, or her Tenants py fine Specches as aforeſait; or that he efer was perſuate her ſait Huſpant to peat her plack ant plue; ant acknowleges, that her Oratrix was hafe four praave Sons as aforeſait, put tenies that he was put them all to Silence py holting up his Hant, tho' the ſait *Ropert* well knows the ſame to pe true as aforeſait: Ant the ſait *Ropert* gifes out, that her Oratrix was nefer marriet to her ſait ſecont Huſpant as aforeſait, but that he was fint her Oratrix amongſt his olt Ouſeholt Coots, ant was look upon her as Part of the Lumper, put confeſſes, that her ſait firſt Huſpant was teat ant puriet, put will not ſay where; ant tenies that he efer employet the ſait Mr. *Paxem* or *Taxem*, put ſays, that he was make Uſe of her Oratrix's ſait Son the Lawyer to chaſtiſe her, put it was for her coot, ant tenies that he was efer keep any *Creyhounts*, or was gife Spunge to her Oratrix's ſait *Talpot Tog* as aforeſait, or that he was acquaintet with Mr. *Gage* the Exciſeman, or the ſait Ooll or Corn as aforeſait, ant gifes out, that he was ſo far from peing kick't py her Oratrix's ſait Huſpant, tho' he often let him py the Noſe as aforeſait, that it was the createſt Pleaſure he was aple to gife the ſait Mr. *Pritain* to *kick him*: Ant that he was ſo far from metling with Shurys as aforeſait to diſturp the Courſe of Shuſtice, that he was not know there was any ſuch Thing as Shuſtice; put he acknowleges, that her Oratrix was infolfed in many Lawſuits as aforeſait, ant was enter into the Articles as aforeſait: All which he ſometimes owns were of his own Trawing: That as to the Ticken Pocket he thought it was Properties of her ſait Oratrix's Huſpant; put tenies that he, the ſait *Ropert*, was efer lent the ſait Scales to the ſait *Lewis French* as aforeſait, although the ſait *Lewis* acknowleges, that he was reciefe them from the

the ſait *Ropert*, ant was make him hanſome Preſents for the ſame: Ant the ſait *Ropert* pretents that he was giſe her Oratrix a fair, juſt ant true Account of all his Offices, ant of the Monies reciefet ant expentet for her Uſe; ant that if her Oratrix was not hafe Satisfactions therewith, he was reſign his ſait Offices, ant was mate a 'Squire, ant a crete Man, ant was apoſe the Reach of common Laws, ant was teſie her Oratrix to ſue him at the ſame; ant the ſait Mr. *Paxem* ant Mr. *French*, when callet upon to anſwer to her Oratrix, do pretent that they was poth hafe TUMPNESS ant TEAFNESS.

In tenter Conſiterations whereof, ant that her Oratrix is remitleſs in the Premiſſes at common Law, her hafing no Fitneſſes who was proſe the ſame, put what are teaf, tump, teat, or remoſet into foreign ant remote Parts unknown to her Oratrix, ant was therefore only proper for Relief therein in a *Court of Equity*, pefore her fery coot Lortſhip; where not only Matters of Account, put alſo Matters of Fraut ant Preaches of Truſt are properly cogniſaple ant reliefaple.

To the Ent therefore that the ſait *Ropert de Houghton* ant *Lewis French*, ant *Paxem* or *Taxem*, ant their Confeterates when tiſcofer't, may, on their reſpectiſe corporal Oats, true ant perfect anſwer make to all ant ſingular the ſait Premiſes accorting to their reſpectiſe Knowlege, ant Information ant Peliefe; ant that as fully ant particularly as if the ſame were here articulately repeatet ant interrogatet, ant to pe anſweret unto. Ant in particular that the ſait *Ropert de Houghton* may ſet forth, whether he was not hafe peen a ſharping cogging Knaaſe from his Cratle? Whether he was not pret to the *Law* and ferſet in *Tricks*, *Shuffles* ant *Eſaſions*? Ant whether he dos not know, or hath heart that her Oratrix was plague with *Rogues pefore?* Ant whether he was not likely to proſe as *orſe* as the *reſt?* Ant, if ſo, how the Teſil her was come to truſt him?

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Ant whether her Oratrix has not gone through the ſeferal Staſhons of Life with Mr. *Roman*, Mr. *Dean*, Mr. *Saxon*, ant Mr. *Norman*, as pefore related? Ant whether any of them was hafe uſe her Oratrix *half ſo pat* as he the ſait *Ropert de Houghton* hath tone? Ant whether her Oratrix was marry Mr. *Leman* aforeſait, ant was py him left to Mr. *Pritain* as aforeſait? Ant that the ſait *Lewis French* may ſet forth whether he was not frighten her Oratrix with the *Aſſes Heat* ant the *crete plack Man* as aforeſait? Ant where, ant when, ant for what Reaſon? Ant whether he dit not, in Conſhunction with the ſait *Ropert*, ſheat her Oratrix of ſeferal conſiteraple Sums of Money, ant how much? Ant whether the ſait *Ropert* was not make her Oratrix *pawn* all her prave Things to ſent as a Fenture to *South-Sea* as aforeſait? Ant whether they was not make her ſait Huſpant *trunk*, ant perſuate him to *gife up Turnpikes* as aforeſait? Ant whether the ſait *Prickills* hafe not almoſt ruin't her ſait Oratrix's Eſtate? Ant whether ſait *Ropert* was not *leat* her ſait Huſpant *py the Noſe*? Ant whether he was not *kick't* for the ſaam as aforeſait? Ant when ant how often? Ant whether he was not gife *Sponge* to the *Talpot Tog* as aforeſait? Ant whether he was not rop the ſait *olt Ticken Pocket* as aforeſait? Ant whether he has not make *Six*, or *how many*, Cart Loats of *uſeleſs* Articles? Ant whether he was not make *Merchants* a *Pankrupt*, *Lawyer* a *Rogue*, *Parſon* a *Fool*, ant *Farmer* a *Peggar*, as aforeſait? Ant whether there was *any Shuſtice* left in the Orld? Ant, if there was, whether he the ſait *Ropert* ought to be *hang't* or not? Ant that the ſait *Lewis French* may pe heartily *threſh't*, the ſait *Ropert* be forc't to gife a *true* Account of all his *Sheatings*, ant *Knaaferies*, ant *Fillanies*; ant the ſait *Paxem* may pe learn't to *ſpeak*, or *cudgell't* till he fints his Tongue: Ant that her Oratrix may pe further ant otherwiſe reliefed in the Premiſes,

miſes, accorting to Equities and coot Conſciences, and as to her Lortſhip ſhall ſeem meet.

May it pleaſe her LORTSHIP,

To grant unto her Oratrix, her coot K—g G—e's Writ of *Ne exeat Regno* to her ſait Huſpant Mr. *Pritain*, to prefent his going ſo often to ſait *Prickills*; ant likewiſe a Writ, or Writs, of *Subpœna*, directed unto the ſait *Ropert de Houghton*, ant *Lewis French*, ant *Paxem*, or *Taxem*, therepy to commant and pit them, ant each of them, at certain Tay, ant unter certain Pains limitted, perſonally to pe ant appear pefore her Lortſhip in this High ant Honouraple Court; ant then ant there true ant perfect Anſwer make to all ant ſingular the Premiſſes, ant further to ſtant to and apite ſuch Orter ant Tecree herein, as to her Lortſhip was ſeem meet ant acreeaple to Equity ant coot Conſciences inteed; ant, Cot pleſs her! her Oratrix ſhall efer pray.

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